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SUBJ: PRC AND NORTH KOREAN DELEGATIONS VISIT GABON

1. FROM VARIOUS LOCAL SOURCES, PRIMARILY SOUTH KOREAN
CHARGE, EMBASSY HAS DEVELOPED FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON
PRC AND NORTH KOREAN DELEGATIONS WHICH RECENTLY VISITED GABON.

2. NORTH KOREAN DELEGATION ARRIVED JUNE 4, DEPARTED
JUNE 12, HEADED BY AMBASSADOR TO YAOUNDE, DJA KYUNG RI,
HIS FIRST SECRETARY, IN HO KIM, AND UNNAMED MINISTRY
OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OFFICIAL. ROK CHARGE QUOTED
GABONESE MFA SOURCE SAID NORTH KOREANS SPOKE WITH MFA
SEC GEN JUNE 11 BUT WERE UNSUCCESSFUL IN ATTEMPTS MEET
WITH PRESIDENT BONGO. THEY REPORTEDLY DISCUSSED
ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, AID PROGRAM FOR
GABON, AND POSSIBILITY GABONESE GOODWILL MISSION,
SCHEDULED VISIT PEKING THIS FALL, MIGHT ALSO STOP IN
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PYONGYANG.

3. CHINESE MISSION WHICH ARRIVED MAY 27 AND STILL IN TOWN HEADED BY HSING-CHIU CHAO, PRC AMBASSADOR TO YAOUNDE, AND COMPOSED OF TWELVE RAILROAD TECHNICIANS AND ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM. ACCORDING TO ROK CHARGE, PRC TECHNICIANS STUDYING TRANSGABON RAILROAD FROM EVERY ANGLE AND WHEN GABONESE VISIT PEKING THIS FALL DEFINITIVE PROPOSAL WILL BE PRESENTED CONCERNING AMOUNT AND TYPE OF CHINESE AID. ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP CAME TO SET UP EMBASSY BUT HAD TROUBLE GOING BECAUSE CHINESE REQUIRE LARGE COMPOUND FOR OFFICES AND HOUSING OF ALL OFFICIALS, SOMETHING CURRENTLY NOT AVAILABLE IN LIBREVILLE. AMBASSADOR CHAO ALSO REPORTEDLY WISHED TO DELIVER PERSONALLY NOTE FROM CHAIRMAN MAO TO BONGO BUT UNABLE TO DO SO BEFORE LATTER'S DEPARTURE FOR MOGADISCIO.

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